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SUBJECT: WEST BANK COVERAGE OF CARTER'S SPEECH AT NOTRE DAME

1. SUMMARY: THE EAST JERUSALEM PRESS HAS REPORTED PROMINENTLY
PRESIDENT CARTER'S FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH AT NOTRE DAME. INITIALLY,
IT WAS INTERPRETED MERELY AS A RECOMMITMENT BY THE U.S. TO THE
PEACE PROCESS AND A VEILED WARNING TO LIKUD'S BEGIN TO BE
FORTHCOMING. SUBSEQUENTLY, AL QUDS HAS CONCLUDED THAT CARTER
INTENDS A BASIC RE-ORIENTATION AND WARMLY WELCOMES IT.
END SUMMARY.

2. AL QUDS (MODERATE AND PRO-JORDANIAN) MAY 23 BANNERED
CARTER'S NOTRE DAME SPEECH: "CARTER WARNS BEGIN INDIRECTLY --
THE ALTERNATE TO A SETTLEMENT (IS) A GLOBAL DISASTER."
THE STORY, FROM WIRE SERVICES, HIGHLIGHTS THE FOLLOWING
POINTS: 1) U.S. FOREIGN POLICY WILL NOT CHANGE BECAUSE OF THE
CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP IN ANY ME STATE, 2) THE U.S. EXPECTS
ALL PARTIES TO CONTINUE TO ACCEPT RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338
WHICH STIPULATE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL (JAMI'A)
ARAB OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN RETURN FOR PEACE AND 3) THAT THE
ALTERNATIVE IS A GLOBAL DISASTER.
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3. AL FAJR (LEFTIST AND PRO-PLO) TREATED THE STORY SIMILARLY,
BUT LESS PROMINENTLY, AND NOTED BEGIN'S STATEMENTS ON NETWORK
TV REJECTING ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE WEST BANK. AL FAJR
HAS NOT EDITORIALIZED, BUT HAS REPORTED POSITIVE RESPONSES
TO CARTER'S SPEECH FROM EGYPT.

4. AL QUDS LEAD EDITORIAL MAY 24 INTERPRETED CARTER'S
SPEECH AS A RADICAL DEPARTURE IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY:
FROM ONE MOTIVATED BY AN EXAGGERATED FEAR OF COMMUNISM AND
AIMED AT ITS CONTAINMENT THROUGH COOPERATION WITH SOMETIMES
TYRANNICAL REGIMES TO ONE BASED ON RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
AND DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES. AS FOR ITS IMPLICATION FOR THE
PALESTINIANS' PROBLEM, AL QUDS ARGUES THAT CARTER'S SPEECH
"PULLS THE RUG OUT" FROM UNDER THE LIKUD'S BEGIN'S STAND THAT
ISRAEL'S PRESENCE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES SERVES AS A
BARRIER TO COMMUNISM. AL QUDS CONCLUDES: "WE WELCOME THE NEW
U.S. POLICY AND WE AWAIT ITS TRANSLATION INTO DEEDS."
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